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**FHNA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP Meeting  
November 20, 2012, 7:00 pm  
at Christ Lutheran Church, 701 S. Charles Street**

Gayle McClure, acting vice president, called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

**Treasurer's Report**

Gayle McClure, treasurer, reported YTD totals as of 11/19/12:

Income: \$49,171.21

Expenses: \$26,122.43

Balance: \$23,048.78

Outstanding commitments: \$3,163.76

**Election of President and Vice President**

*Introduction to the election:*

FHNA's Parliamentarian, John Stackpole, was consulted prior to the Oct 10th FHNA Board meeting by Eric Costello to ensure that any of the Board's actions are in compliance with the FHNA Bylaws and Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 11th Edition. As such, Eric led the following discussion:

1. Ryan Hada provided the Federal Neighborhood Association (FHNA) Board of Directors (BoD) an email on Sep 28th, 2012 stating that his resignation as President of FHNA was effective Sep 25th, 2012. The BoD voted unanimously (5 – 0: Colimore, Costello, Martin, McClure and Merbler all in favor) to accept Mr. Hada's resignation.
2. Eric Costello at this time resigned from his position as Vice President, although not from the BoD. The BoD voted unanimously (5 – 0: Colimore, Costello, Martin, McClure and Merbler all in favor) to accept Mr. Costello's resignation.
3. Ms. McClure moved to appoint Mr. Costello as Acting President, until such a time that an election could be held, in accordance with Article 3 Sections 7 and 5 of the FHNA Bylaws. The motion was seconded by Mr. Merbler. The BoD voted unanimously (5 – 0: Colimore, Costello,

Martin, McClure and Merbler all in favor) to accept Mr. Costello's appointment as Acting President.

4. Mr. Martin moved to appoint Ms. McClure as Acting Vice President, in accordance with Article 3 Sections 7 and 5 of the FHNA Bylaws. The motion was seconded by Mr. Merbler. The BoD voted unanimously (5 – 0: Colimore, Costello, Martin, McClure and Merbler all in favor) to accept Ms. McClure's appointment as Acting Vice President. In addition, Ms. McClure holds the position of duly elected Treasurer of FHNA, which is not outlawed by Article 3 Section 7 of the FHNA bylaws.

5. At the Board meeting on Oct 10th, Mr. Costello moved to inform the FHNA General Membership (GM) at its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Oct 16th, 2012 of an upcoming election to confirm these appointments at the regularly scheduled FHNA GM meeting on Nov 20th, 2012. In addition, the BoD will be accepting additional nominations from the GM for these two positions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Merbler. The BoD voted unanimously (5 – 0: Colimore, Costello, Martin, McClure and Merbler all in favor) to adopt this motion and directed Mr. Costello to make the appropriate announcements

6. The General Membership was informed at the Oct 16th meeting of the Nov 20th election.

7. Two nominations were received on Oct 17th, one for Eric Costello for President, and one for Lamberto Camacho for Vice President. As we have no other nominations for these positions, as Chair of this meeting, I move that we conduct a voice vote of FHNA voting members to elect Eric Costello President and Lamberto Camacho Vice President. Mellisa Colimore seconded the motion.

*Election:*

Gayle McClure read the language of the FHNA bylaws about elections to fill vacancies and recounted the above proceedings. She then made a motion for a voice vote of FHNA voting members to elect Eric Costello President and Lamberto Camacho Vice President. Ivo Jamrosz seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. These offices will be held till the next scheduled election in May 2013.

**DOT Open House to Discuss the Proposed Roundabout at Light St. & Key Highway**

The Baltimore Department of Transportation is holding a second open house, at the Maryland Science Center, December 6 at 6 p.m. Gayle McClure urged people to attend the meeting and voice their opinions. The original open house was held on October 10, but at very short notice to FHNA.

**Homestead Tax Credit**

An article will appear in the next edition of the Hillsider explaining the Maryland Homestead Tax Credit, most likely prepared by Jennifer Nelson.

**Federal Hill Business Association**

Will Runnebaum spoke about the successful Historically Hip Halloween event held on Oct. 31 and invited everyone to a free Social & Networking Event at Cowboys & Rednecks, 1117 S. Charles St., Thursday, Nov. 29, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

### **Neighborhood Crime Update**

Officer Kevin “Butterbean” Vaught, Baltimore Police Dept., Southern District, reported there have been some house break-ins and burglaries during daylight hours: such as at 9 a.m., 5 p.m. Front doors have been kicked in and, in one, case, a hole was chiseled in a front door and the door opened from the inside. Officer Butterbean urged people to call 911 “if something doesn’t look right.” For residents who order online and aren’t home to receive delivery, he urged them to have packages delivered to their offices or to a neighbor’s. Delivery notices on front doors are a sign you’re not home. He said he will speak to FedEx and UPS about leaving notices in mail slots/boxes and requested that residents who see notices on neighbors’ doors to put them in their mail slots. He also suggested that if residents are traveling to notify the Southern District station or tell a neighbor.

The installation of surveillance cameras was briefly discussed. The police dept. has no money for cameras. Gayle McClure said surveillance cameras will be on the agenda at a later general membership meeting; Mellisa Colimore, Public Safety chair, will coordinate the discussion.

Officer Butterbean discussed his Explorer Post 9449, composed of 15 at-risk youths, ages 14 to 20, most of whom are A and B students and meet several times a week. The Explorers, which get no city money, are going to scout camp in January, costing \$45 a head, and on a ski trip in February, at \$200 a head. He requested donations, which can be made via the website at [www.bcsdesplorers.webs.com](http://www.bcsdesplorers.webs.com) or by contacting Butterbean at [Post9449@baltimorepolice.org](mailto:Post9449@baltimorepolice.org).

### **Parking Committee Update**

Ivo Jamrosz reported that committee members are conducting a parking audit of Area 9. This involves counting all available residential parking spaces, all off-street parking spaces and noting where signs are needed or need to be moved. The goal is to increase the number of on-street spaces and reduce the number of decals issued.

### **Cancellation of December General Membership Meeting**

Gayle McClure made a motion that the meeting scheduled for Dec. 18 be cancelled. Mellisa Colimore seconded. The motion was passed by a vote of 18 to 1.